THE LEE EDUCATION CHARITY OF WILLIAM HATCLIFFE

Registered Charity Number 312801

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR

THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

TRUSTEES	Mrs D Brooker Mrs K C Donnelly The Rev'd Manuela Schmucki Mrs W D Kirkman Mr R C Thomas Mr R W B Clough Mr A N Dakshy
CLERK	Mr P Granger
CHARITY NUMBER	312801
PRINCIPAL ADDRESS	St Margaret's Visitors Centre 2 Brandram Road Lewisham London SE13 5EA
BANKERS	CAF Bank limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill Kent ME19 4JQ
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REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The Governors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The Governors have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)

Structure, governance and management Governing Document

Although founded in 1622, the Charity is currently governed by an Order of the Charity Commission dated 17 June 2009 which amended its governance to permit a wider area of benefit for the application of the Charity's funds and a further Scheme dated 20 October 2023 which further extended the objects of the Charity to enable it to make grants to educational establishments in Lewisham where the grant would be used for the benefit of those in need of financial assistance.

There is no need for the charity to engage in fundraising as it derives income from the Estate Charity of William Hatcliffe. The Charity receives 40% of the income derived by the Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe from the William Hatcliffe Estate Charity. The Estate Charity has advised that it expects to be able to maintain its distribution to the Charity at the current level for the foreseeable future.

The Governors are appointed for terms of five years, other than the Rector for the time being of St. Margaret of Antioch, Lee, who is an ex-officio Governor for the period of holding such office.

The Governors meet monthly, except in August.
Those who served during the year were:
The Reverend Manuela Schmucki
Mrs. D Brooker
Mrs. K D Kirkman
Mrs. K C Donnelly
Mr. RWB Clough
Mr. RC Thomas
Mr. A N Dakshy

Under the direction of the Trustees, the Charity engages independent consultants to provide administrative services, promote the charity, and liaise with prospective and successful grant applicants.

The charity embraces all aspects of the Equality Act 2010.

Objects and activities

The Charity is grant-making with the objective of promoting the education (including social and physical training) of persons resident in or in the neighbourhood of the London Borough of Lewisham and who, in the opinion of the Governors, are in need of financial assistance. The Governors have the power to make grants to educational establishments located in the London Borough of Lewisham and to make grants to organisations which promote the education (including social and physical training) of children or young people in the London Borough of Lewisham, where the application of the grants will be for the benefit of those in need of financial assistance.

The Governors confirm that they have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing objectives and planning activities

Public benefit statement

The governors confirm that they comply with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance. The Lee Education Charity of William Hatcliffe targets funding for the relief of poverty and to tackle social and health inequalities. It makes grants to support the work of charities and community groups that work with people affected by economic disadvantage and for individuals who are in need, hardship, or distress. The charity awards grants based on published criteria and through a thoughtful and fair assessment of the needs and aspirations of the applicants. A monitoring process ensures that public benefit is derived from each grant award.

Risk management

The Governors have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that the systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. Internal financial risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for the authorisation of all transactions.

The Governors have agreed it prudent to temper the Charity's level of grants awarded so that reserves are maintained at a minimum level of £30,000 as a safeguard against possible future eventualities.

Achievements and performance
Governance policies and procedures

During the year, the Trustees undertook a comprehensive review and update of the charities' governance policies, procedures and risk-management arrangements. The review covered key areas, including safeguarding, financial controls, data protection and confidentiality, complaints, conflicts of interest, equality, diversity and inclusion, health and safety, cyber security, serious incidents, whistleblowing and standards of conduct.

The revisions reflect the Trustees' growing experience of administering the charities, developments in good governance practice and the practical needs of our work. Together, they provide a clearer and more robust framework for decision-making, accountability, safeguarding, risk management and regulatory compliance.

Grants guidelines

We have revised our grant guidelines on the website to provide clearer, more accessible information about available funding and the application process. The revised guidelines also reflect the Trustees' growing knowledge and experience of the client groups we support, the needs raised in applications, and the wider funding environment in which the charities operate. This growing understanding has enabled us to refine our funding priorities, eligibility criteria and grant conditions, so that our resources can be directed as effectively as possible and applicants have a clearer understanding of the opportunities available and the steps involved before beginning an online application.

The Trustees also wish to thank Richard Crowe of Creative Wire Design, who continues to provide website updates beyond the standard hosting fee. His contribution has supported the ongoing refinement and presentation of our grant criteria and application processes and is gratefully acknowledged as a valuable benefit in kind.

Lewisham Funder Network

The charity is also part of the Lewisham Funders Network, which is a cross-sector forum open to any funder operating in the borough. It aims to provide a space for funders and investors to:

- Share intelligence and knowledge about local issues
- Find out about other funders' programmes and current activities
- Explore ways to align funding and target investment more effectively
- Seek opportunities to collaborate with others (e.g. shared funding initiatives)
- Share effective funding/grant-making practice

Pupil Premium funding

The Trustees allocated £60,000 for the academic year 2025/26 and distributed £47,099 to twelve schools on the condition that all funds are ring-fenced for Pupil Premium pupils and applied specifically to enrichment and extra-curricular activities. This targeted investment plays a vital role in addressing educational disadvantage, expanding opportunities, and enabling children from lower-income families to reach their full potential.

Grant applications

The Trustees meet monthly to consider grant applications and manage the Charity's business. They also occasionally consider urgent grant applications that arise between meetings. Grant applications are invited from all registered charities in the London Borough of Lewisham engaged in the relief of need, for grants to assist in any aspect of their work.

The charity continues to support a range of youth organisations across the borough, which, together with several schools, make individual referrals to us

Across our priority areas, the charity has supported groups and individuals through a wide range of grants and initiatives, including:

- Schools – Pupil Premium support including residentials and outings.
- Provision of school uniforms and winter clothing for children from low-income families.
- Laptops for young asylum seekers.
- Vocational training, life skills and wellbeing support for vulnerable and disadvantaged young people.
- Vocal and music sessions for disadvantaged young people, building confidence, wellbeing, creativity and a sense of belonging.
- Specialist one-to-one swimming lessons for autistic young people, developing water safety, confidence, physical wellbeing and independence.

During the year:

Grants totalling £19,435 (2025: £32,796) were awarded to 5 organisations (2025: 9) to support a range of educational opportunities for young people.

Grants totalling £47,099 (2025: £75,930) were awarded to 13 schools (2025: 17), giving young people opportunities to learn a musical instrument, attend clubs, participate in residential trips and take part in other educational and enrichment activities.

£2,160 was awarded to provide laptops, supplied by Catbytes, for 18 secondary-aged young people seeking asylum and living in contingency accommodation in Lewisham, enabling them to complete school and college work and helping to overcome digital exclusion.

Financial Review
Reserves Policy

The Charity is entitled to 40% of the income which the Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe receives from the William Hatcliffe Estate Charity. It has been confirmed that the Estate Charity of William Hatcliffe has approved a distribution of £165,000 during the financial year 2026-27, of which £66,000 will be passed on to the Lee Education Charity of William Hatcliffe.

It is the policy of the Governors that unrestricted funds that have not been designated for specific use should be maintained at a level which will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in income, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities for a period of at least one year while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

As of 31 March 2026, the free reserves held are £260,200 (2025: £272,805). All the Charity's funds are unrestricted and held to further its objectives.

As the economic downturn and adverse cost of living climate continue to cause financial hardship for many people, the Trustees will endeavour to meet the challenge by regulating the total amount awarded to successful applicants and to help as many suitable applicants as possible in some way but control the outflow of funds from reserves.

On behalf of the Board of Governors

Governor

Date: 14th October 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE GOVERNORS OF

THE LEE EDUCATION CHARITY OF WILLIAM HATCLIFFE

I report on accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2026, which are attached.

Respective responsibilities of Governors and Examiner

As the Charity's Governors you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charites Act 2011(the Act) does not apply.
It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given in the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has to come to my attention

(a) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act.
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements under the 2011 charities act have not been met; or

(b) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

M P H Jones FCA
Wallace Crooke
Chartered Accountants
College House
St Leonards Close
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Date: 14th October 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	2026 Unrestricted Funds	2025 Unrestricted Funds
	£	£
Incoming Resources		
Income from the Estate Charity of William Hatcliffe under Charity Commission Scheme dated 20/06/2005	**60,000**	60,000
Gross Interest on Deposit Accounts	**4,667**	6,802
Compensation	**25**	-
Total Incoming Resources	**64,692**	66,802
Resources Expended		
Charitable Expenditure:		
Educational Grants	**68,927**	116,269
Consultant's Costs	**6,004**	7,244
Administration Expenses	**1,880**	1,583
Examiner's Fee	**486**	486
Total Resources Expended	**77,297**	125,582
Net Incoming Resources	**(12,605)**	(58,780)
Funds Balance at 1 April 2025	**272,805**	331,585
Funds Balance at 31 March 2026	**260,200**	272,805

The notes on page 8 & 9 form part of these accounts

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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	2026 £	2025 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
CAF Cash Account		**5,899**	2,929
CAF Gold Account		**228,625**	270,367
		234,524	273,296
DEBTORS			
Amounts due		**26,400**	-
		26,400	-
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	3	**724**	491
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**260,200**	272,805
FUNDS			
Unrestricted Funds	4	**260,200**	272,805
		260,200	272,805

The notes on page 8 & 9 form part of these accounts

The accounts were approved by the Governors on 14th October 2026

Governor

14.10.2026

Mr P Granger - Clerk

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of recommended practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Incoming resources

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds. Income from The Lee Charity of William Hatcliffe is recognised on an accruals basis when the entitlement to such income arises and interest when credited to the deposit account.

1.3 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have all been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1.4 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

1.5 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the governors.

Designated funds are amounts which have been set aside at the discretion of the Governors for a specific, but not legally binding, purpose.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. Governors Remuneration and Benefits

None of the Governors (or any person or organisation connected with them), received remuneration or any other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2026, nor for the year ended 31 March 2025.

3. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2026	2025
	£	£
Balances of Grants Awarded	233	-
Bank Charges	5	5
Examiner's Fee	486	486
	724	491

4. Movement in Funds

	2026	2025
	£	£
Unrestricted Funds		
Opening Balance	272,805	331,585
Incoming Resources	64,693	66,802
Resources Expended	(77,297)	(125,582)
Closing Balance	260,200	272,805
Total Funds	260,200	272,805